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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include both three (3) attached replacement sheets and three (3) annotated sheets showing the changes.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement and annotated sheets of amended drawings is attached following page 23 of this paper.